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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Official Action currently
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Please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Withdrawn) A method for enabling performance of
an operation on a cardiac valve of a heart while the heart
is beating, comprising the steps of:

a) placing at least one temporary valve in a flow path
of a blood vessel downstream from said cardiac valve, said